

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Florian
4 "Mickey" Kulaga of Downers Grove on Tuesday, March 25, 2003;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Kulaga was born on February 6, 1920; he
7 valiantly served his country in the United States Army during
8 World War II; he was with the 15th Air Force, 454th Bomb
9 Group, 738th Bomb Squadron; he was stationed in Italy,
10 Washington, and California; and

11 WHEREAS, From the early 1960s until he retired in 1981,
12 Mr. Kulaga drove concrete trucks for H.J. Mohr & Sons Co. in
13 Oak Park, and other firms; he also did upholstery and other
14 handiwork; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Kulaga was a Democratic precinct
16 committeeman in DuPage County from 1950 until 1980; he
17 assisted in running elections and spent many days handing out
18 campaign flyers; he helped organize campaign rallies and met
19 John F. Kennedy during his presidential campaign; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Kulaga had many brushes with fame throughout
21 his life; as a child, he met Al Capone; when he was stationed
22 in Italy, he and other troops had an audience with Pope Pius
23 XII; when he was located in California, he danced with Dinah
24 Shore and met Johnny Weissmuller; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Kulaga was an avid sports fan and loved the
26 Chicago Bears; he was devoted to his children and
27 grandchildren; following his retirement, he spent several
28 winters in his second home in Florida; and

29 WHEREAS, The passing of Florian "Mickey" Kulaga has been
30 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Sophia "Sue" nee
31 Zglobicki; his sons, Randy (Kathy) and Jon (Mary) Kulaga; his

1 grandchildren, Amanda, Daniel, Adam, Sean, Brendan, and
2 Sarah; his brothers, Alex (Louise) and John (Barbara) Kulaga;
3 his sisters-in-law, Mary Katarzynski and Louise (Alex)
4 Kulaga; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
7 of Florian "Mickey" Kulaga and extend to his family and
8 friends our sincere condolences; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Florian "Mickey" Kulaga as an
11 expression of our deepest sympathy.